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SECRETFOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICEOf Special Interest This Week

+ The increased DI interest in foreign television is continuing to be reflected in FBIS handling of television. The project under which FBIS monitors major foreign cities on VCRs with the tapes forwarded by air cargo to Headquarters is well underway; tapes are being received in times varying from 30 to 48 hours, with OCR making them available to DI analysts. FBIS "VSLs" (Video Selection Lists) which indicate what is on a videotape (and which are filed to Headquarters from FBIS field bureaus by teletype) will soon be available to SAFE users as a separate type of message that can be called up or searched separately from normal FBIS traffic. In addition, when a user is looking at a VSL in the SAFE system a message will be displayed describing how the analyst can get the video. []

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+ A breakthrough has occurred in FBIS efforts to obtain the approval of the Thai Government for installation of a satellite monitoring (ROSET) antenna in Thailand. The Ministry of Communications has sent a letter to the Department of Aviation (which controls the [] [] used by FBIS) approving the ROSET facility. There will be an amendment to the FBIS-Thai agreement of 1971, which provided for FBIS sharing the Bang Ping field with the Aviation Department, to provide for the satellite monitoring. It is also understood the Thai Ministry of Finance may ask for rental payments; this is subject to discussion inasmuch as FBIS provided equipment to the Thai Government under the 1971 agreement. The Ambassador has been working with the Foreign Ministry for many months to get approval for the expanded FBIS operation. []

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+ FBIS has begun a new publication entitled, WORLDWIDE REPORT: ARMS CONTROL. It contains Soviet, European, and other foreign media reporting and commentary on arms control issues, negotiations, agreements, and treaties. To date consumers have requested some 250 copies of each issue. The new publication is expected to appear about twice a month. []

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+ FBIS provided consumers priority translations of 30 March and 2 April articles in the Paris LE MONDE revealing Soviet espionage activities in the area of technology transfer. Customers urgently requesting the articles included the Senate Republican Policy Committee and the DO. ☐

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